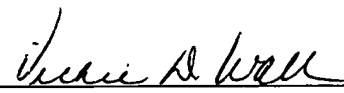


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number : 09/724,200
Filing Date : November 27, 2000
Inventor(s) : Tadayuki Ishida, et al.
Title : TOUCH CONTROL APPARATUS AND TOUCH CONTROL METHOD
THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT

Group Art Unit : 2674
Examiner Name : Abbas I. Abdulsalam
Docket No. : 41211/DBP/K277 Date: July 21, 2004

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on March 22, 2004, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
_____ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on
_____ via Express Mail
_____ with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
_____ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141, 145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) _____ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
_____ the Issue Fee has not been paid
_____ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b. _____ Pending (with review proceeding active)
An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

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2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

- ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on
☒ Other:

b. Enclosed

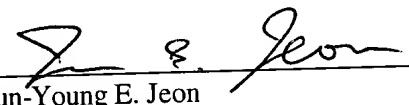
- ☒ Amendment/Reply
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
☒ Petition for Extension of Time
☐ Other:

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of March 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims are listed in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.